

9 FEB 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Claim for Loss of Personal Property of [redacted]

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1. Paragraph 7 of this memorandum requests your action or recommendations.

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[redacted] Her claimed losses amount to \$34,815.75 based upon acquisition prices which she established on each item. A copy of the inventory submitted as part of her claim is included as Attachment A.

3. Her claim was received by the Claims Review Officer (CRO) on 7 October 1975. Noting the size and detail of the claim, the CRO contacted the claimant and asked her for any receipts, cancelled checks, earnings statements, travel orders, records of weights of effects shipped, or any other documentation which would assist in substantiating the possession of such a large volume of personal property as well as verifying its acquisition cost. Her response to that request is contained in her memorandum dated 20 October (Attachment B) in which she also requested an advance of \$5,000 against the settlement amount of her claim. It was customary to approve such requests for advance, particularly when losses were extensive, in order that the claimants might reestablish households and wardrobes. Ms. [redacted] request for the \$5,000 advance was approved by the Chairman of the Claims Review Board (CRB), the Deputy Director for Administration (DD/A), and the Special Support Assistant to the DD/A on 29 October 1975.

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STATINTL 4. As Ms. [redacted] claim went under detailed review in late October, it became apparent that certain categories of items were questionable from the standpoint of being "reasonable, useful, or proper under the circumstances" which is a condition for payment under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964, as amended. More apparent, however, was the fact that acquisition prices of some items, particularly liquor, were obviously overstated. (In a later conversation with the CRO on 12 January 1976, the claimant indicated that she had used Maryland liquor store prices as opposed to the much lower prices prevailing in [redacted])

These figures were adjusted by the claimant when she appeared for an interview with the CRO on 30 January.) The CRO continued from the beginning to seek substantiating information and the CRB met on 25 November to determine what additional steps might be taken to resolve the claim.

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5. The nature of the claim, and [redacted] regarding it, were discussed informally with the Inspector General and a representative of the Office of General Counsel [redacted] on 12 December 1975. Although assistance was offered by [redacted] the CRB voted to exhaust its own review before referring the matter to another authority. However, further correspondence and interviews with the claimant failed to provide any substantive information which would assist the CRB in making an equitable decision in resolution of the claim. In summary, approximately 25 telephone calls, 8 pieces of correspondence, and many hours of analysis and meetings have gone into the review of this claim both with the claimant as well as with board members, support officers, or anyone who might have been able to assist in its settlement.

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6. Having learned in January that the claimant was processing for another overseas assignment, and was scheduled to depart in February 1976, the CRB made special efforts to resolve the claim at the earliest possible date and, hopefully, before her departure. By Attachment D, the Chairman of the CRB requested the Chief, East Asia Division, and the Support Officer

STATINTL [redacted] during the time period in question, to provide their comments, or the comments of persons who were associated with the claimant, which might substantiate her possession of the claimed items. The response to those requests are included as Attachments B and F. The CRB, in special session on 2 February 1976, reviewed that material and concluded that, because of the serious conflict between its information and that provided by the claimant, a decision on the claim could not be rendered. Having noted that significant discrepancies existed between the commercial asking prices for certain items claimed and the prices alleged to have been paid by the claimant (e.g., the portable typewriter and a random selection of books), the CRB determined that it had no alternative in the circumstances but to refer the claim to the Inspector General for an exhaustive investigation into its merits.

STATINTL 7. Accordingly, under the provisions of HR [redacted] paragraph 3a(2), it is requested that you investigate the subject claim and provide your findings and recommendations to the DD/A.

STATINTL Requests for additional information may be directed to the undersigned or to Mr. [redacted] Room 2F31G,

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Chairman, Claims Review Board

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APPROVED:

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/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake  
Deputy Director  
For  
Administration

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ITEM NO.	COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	ACQ. DATE	ACQUISITION/ PURCHASE COST	DEPR/ YEARS	DEPR/ %	DEPR/ AMT.	VALUATION AT LOSS
1	CATEGORY #1 Calculator YASHICA 8-Digit (elec-battery)	1974	70.00	1	5		66.50
1	CATEGORY #13						
1	Elephant Bag (Bowling)	1973	35.00	2	40		21.00
1	Lg. Elephant hide (Camera bag)	1973	45.00	2	40		27.00
20	Pr. Casual jeans @9	1972-5	180.00	2	40		108.00
6	Pr. Dressy Slacks @20	1973-5	120.00	2	40		72.00
12	Pantsuits @20	1973-5	240.00	2	40		144.00
1	Embroidered Hostess Dress	1974	39.00	1	30		27.30
1	Kalat Shirt	1974	10.00	1	30		7.00
2	Safari Pantsuits @38	1974	76.00	1	30		53.20
4	Body Shirts @8	1973-4	32.00	1	30		22.40
1	Embroidered Jeans suit	1975	72.00	0	0		72.00
3	Hemp & Leather Belts @6	1973-5	18.00	1	30		12.00
1	Multi-color handbag leather	1974	30.00	1	30		21.00
1	Airline Weekender Bag	1974	24.00	1	20		14.40
1	Denim Clutch	1973	8.00	2	40		4.80
2	Cocktail silver/gold clutches @6	1973	12.00	2	40		7.20
1	Gold glitter cocktail shoes	1974	28.00	1	30		19.60
1	Pr. Silver glitter cocktail shoes	1974	28.00	1	30		19.60
5	Long Cocktail Skirts @20	1973-5	100.00	1	30		70.00
4	Cocktail Long-sleeved Blouses @15	1974-5	60.00	1	30		42.00
1	Palazzo Cocktail Pantsuit	1974	55.00	1	30		35.00
6	Varied in color sleeveless sweaters	1973-5	36.00	1	30		25.20
6	Short-sleeved sweaters @8	1973-5	48.00	1	30		33.60
4	Long-sleeved sweaters @11	1973-4	44.00	1	30		30.80
3	Shorts-tops suits sportwear @15	1974	45.00	1	30		31.50
1	Beach Jacket (gold net)	1974	30.00	1	20		21.00
1	Pr. Hiking Boots	1973	53.00	2	40		31.80
1	Pr. Adidas Tennis shoes	1973	32.00	2	40		14.40
L	DI-NER SHIRT {MADE IN PHILIPPINES}	1974	35.00	1	30		24.50

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ITEM	DATE	VALUE	STATINTL
12 chevas regal @12.95	Feb 75	2 \$155	(75)
12 Liefframilch (white wine) @3	"	36	
12 Johnny Walker (black) 10.50	"	126	(63)
2 Courvoisier @11	1975	22	(14)
2 Creme Sherry @5.19	"	10	(8)
<u>1 Tanqueray Gin @ 8</u>	"	8	
2 Smirnov (Vodka) @ 5.70	"	13.50	
-4 Jack Daniel @10.00	"	40	(16)
2 Vermouth (1 lt & 1 dk) @3.50	"	7	(5)
-2 Ron Rico @5.60	"	11	(6)
2 Galliano @5.75	"	11	(6)
1 Cherry Herring - 75	"	10	(3)
1 Tequila	"	6	(4)
1 Creme de Menthe (white)	"	4	
-1 Creme de Menthe (green)	"	4	
1 Creme de Cacao	"	3	
4 Kahalua @8 - 4	"	32	(18)
1 Cherry Suisse	"	10	(5)
1 Cointreau	"	9	(2)
1 Drambuie	"	11	(4)
2 Seagrams VO @ 8	"	16	(9)
1 Canadian Club	"	7	(5)
3 Mateus @ 3	"	9	
1 Grenadine	"	4	
1 Tullamore Dew	"	9	(6)

2	Sloe Gin @ 4.50	1975	9	6
2	Pernod @ 7	"	14	
1	Irish Mist @ 9	"	9	
1	Vandermint	"	10	6
2	Remy Martin @ 14	"	28	22
1	Gran Mariner	"	11	8
1	Tia Maria	"	3	
2	Budweiser (case- @7) <sup>3.50</sup>	"	14	10
1	San Miguel(case)	"	7	
1	Coke (case) <sup>3.00</sup>	"	6	
1	Tonic Water (case)	"	4	
1	Club Soda (case)	"	4	
1/2	Sprite (case)	"	3	
1/2	Orange soda (case)	"	3	
1	Cocktail mixes (case)	1974	16	
1	Beefeater Gin	1975	6	3.-
1	V.S.O.P. 12 yrs	"	15	8.-

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 (N.W. = 449.50)

(UNOPENED INVENTORY ONLY) X

\$175.00 worth

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